

CONCLUSION


The applicants believe that all rejections are addressed by the amendments made herein. Each of the claims is limited to the applicants' inventive method for reducing near surface noise in electroseismic surveying by application of the Faraday cage shielding effect to provide a low-noise location for detector placement. Each of these claims is believed to be patentably distinct from all known prior art, including all art cited by the examiner. Therefore the applicants request allowance of all pending claims.

Furthermore, if the examiner agrees that claim 1 is allowable, the applicants request that withdrawn claims 10-13, 15-17 and 25 be reinstated. Claim 1 was found not to be generic to all inventions claimed in the original set of claims. However, the applicants believe that with respect to the above enumerated eight claims, claim 1 is generic. Amendments subsequently made to claims 1 and 8 have necessitated amendments herein to claims 11 and 25 to correct antecedent basis problems, for which claims the applicants use the status identifier (*withdrawn, but currently amended*) in the attached listing of the claims.

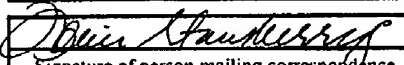
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